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MCWL ties lessons from the past to current Stability Operations

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, VA - The Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory's Wargaming Division recently hosted a conference that examined lessons learned from Stability Operations conducted in Haiti and the Horn of Africa, finding renewed relevance to past urban development programs.

The conference, Emerald Express 05-2 (EE-05-2), included participants from the services, Joint Forces Command, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and France. Both the U.S. and France presented insights from civilian and military personnel who participated in stability operations in Haiti in 1994 and 2004. In addition, two former U.S. Ambassadors and several coalition partners addressed the changing face of small wars conflicts in El Salvador, Haiti, Somalia, and the Ivory Coast. EE 05-2 participants also examined the Joint Interagency Coordinating Group from its utilization in Somalia through its current employment in Iraq as a mechanism of integrating military and interagency efforts. The conference also examined the use of irregular warfare in El Salvador, Guatemala, Vietnam and other regions critical to combating terrorists and insurgents in the Global War on Terrorism. The most notable finding was the possible relevance of the Civil Operations Rural Development Support program, initiated in Vietnam, to Global War on Terrorism scenarios.

EE 05-2 is one of a series of conferences that comprise the Joint Urban Warrior 05 Program, an annual cooperative effort between the U.S. Marine Corps and Joint Forces Command that explores innovative approaches to complex joint urban operations.

Visit www.wargaming.quantico.usmc.mil or www.smallwars.quantico.usmc.mil for additional information regarding this event and the Joint Urban Warrior program in general.